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SUBJECT: CODEL DANIEL (ALSO CODEL NICHOLS)

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1. CODEL DANIEL ARRIVED EVENING OF 6 JULY AND ATTENDED WORK-  
ING DINNER HOSTED BY CHARGE. DUTCH CIVIL AND MILITARY GUESTS  
WERE AD PLOEG, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND VICE CHAIRMAN,  
COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE SECOND CHAMBER; W. F. VAN  
EEKELN, STATE SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE (MATERIEL); LT. GEN  
CORNELIS DE JAGER, RNLA, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF AND  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, RNLA; REAR ADMIRAL JOHANNES L.  
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LANGENBERG, RNLN, DIRECTOR OF MATERIEL, RNLN;  
MAJOR GENERAL PIETER W. MARIS, RNLA, DIRECTOR OF  
MATERIEL, RNLA; BRIG. GENERAL J. SCHABERG, RNLA, DEPUTY  
CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PLANNING, RNLA; W.A.M. MELIS  
(AIR COMMODORE, RET.), COMMISSIONER FOR MILITARY PRO-  
DUCTION, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

2. DINNER AND REMAINDER OF EVENING PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR USEFUL EXCHANGE AND DUTCH PARTICIPANTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OCCASION TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS RATHER DIRECTLY ON VARIOUS DEFENSE ISSUES. CONVERSATION AT THREE SEPARATE TABLES, WITH APPROPRIATE MIX AT EACH TABLE, DWELT ON PURPOSE OF THE VISIT; COMPARISONS OF DUTCH/AMERICAN PURCHASING/PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES; AND BROAD DISCUSSIONS IN SPECIFIC AREAS, E.G., THE XM-1 TANK AND GUN, SECOND DUTCH BRIGADE, P3, PROBLEMS OF EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, ETC.

3. CHAIRMAN DANIELS TOLD STATE SECRETARY VAN EEKELEN THAT COMMITTEE HAD SPECIAL INTEREST IN PERCEPTIONS OF SMALLER NATO MEMBERS AND HIS COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS ABOUT DUTCH DEFENSE CONTRIBUTION WERE MUCH APPRECIATED. DANIELS TOLD DUTCH OF HIS HOPE THAT HIS COMMITTEE WOULD BE FORERUNNER OF STANDING COMMITTEE THAT COULD LOOK AT PROBLEMS OF STANDARDIZATION IN BROAD PERSPECTIVE, IN PARTICULAR TAKING BETTER ACCOUNT OF COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS, AS WELL AS DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS. VAN EEKELEN COMMENTED WRYLY THAT GON HAD FOUND IN PAST THAT "BUY AMERICA ACT" WAS SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO NATO STANDARDIZATION AND TWO-WAY STREET.

4. FOLLOWING THE DINNER MP PLOEG ARRANGED FOR A SHORT TOUR OF THE "BINNENHOF" (DUTCH GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT AREAS) WHICH CODEL APPRECIATED.  
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5. DUTCH WERE PLEASED CODEL HAD INCLUDED A STOP HERE IN ITS BUSY SCHEDULE BUT CLEARLY WERE DISAPPOINTED BY SHORT DURATION OF VISIT; SEVERAL EXPRESSED REGRET THAT CODEL COULD NOT HAVE SPENT ENOUGH TIME IN THE HAGUE FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH OTHER HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS. PRIOR TO VISIT BOTH DEFENSE MINISTER SCHOLTEN AND GENERAL WIJTING TOLD US THEY REGRETTED THAT PRIOR COMMITMENT TO ATTEND CEREMONY COMMEMORATING 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUTCH AIR FORCE PRECLUDED THEIR ATTENDANCE BUT THAT THEY HOPED THERE MIGHT BE FUTURE OCCASION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON NATO DEFENSE SUBJECTS.

6. EMBASSY WELCOMED CODEL VISIT SINCE EVERY OCCASION OF THIS KIND MAKES DUTCH FEEL THEIR VIEWS COUNT FOR SOMETHING IN NATO MATTERS AND ALL TOO OFTEN THEY FEEL SLIGHTED.

7. THIS MESSAGE WAS PREPARED AFTER DEPARTURE OF CODEL FROM THE HAGUE AND WE WOULD WELCOME ANY CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS MEMBERS OF THE CODEL MIGHT WISH TO MAKE.  
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